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New advisory for vehicle owners

- Ministry of Road Transport mandates DL & RC holders to update mobile phone numbers via Aadhaar authentication to ensure better communication and access to services
- Initiative to rein in vehicle owners and drivers, who change phone numbers and addresses to evade paying fines; to prevent fraudulent vehicle registration or transfer

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (BLU, RK & KS)- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a new advisory urging all Driving Licence (DL) holders and registered vehicle owners to promptly link or update their mobile numbers.

This process must be completed through Aadhaar authentication to ensure better communication and improved access to transport-related services. The Ministry has observed that a significant number of DL and RC (Registration Certificate) holders had hot updated their mobile phone numbers resulting in delay of important service-related alerts, statutory notices and other communications not reaching the intended recipients.

Vehicle owners updating their mobile numbers at RTO West Office in city this noon.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore (SOM)* this morning, Regional Transport Officer of RTO (East) Saifudin Khan said that updating of mobile phone number is a pre-requisite for availing any transport and driving licence-related services.

Regional Transport Officer of RTO, Mysore West, Lakshmipuram, Prabhuswamy told *SOM* that all DL and RC holders should compulsorily update their mobile phone numbers by visiting Vahan or Sarathi portals or by visiting the RTO Office. The Officer also said that a staff has been deployed exclusively at the RTO Office to help the public get their mobile numbers updated.As updating mobile phone numbers is through Aadhaar authentication process, One Time Password (OTP) is required to avail any services, Prabhuswamy said and added that this will help ensure accurate and timely dissemination of information and improve service delivery through the Transport National Register. The Transport Departments are also sending messages to DL and RC holders urging them to update the details.

Both Centre and State Transport Departments have taken this step to rein in vehicle owners and drivers who change phone numbers and addresses to evade paying fines. This will also prevent fraudulent registration or transfer of vehicle ownership in case vehicle is stolen as the OTP is directly sent to the registered mobile phone number.

Karnataka BJP to move EC over allegations of vote-buying for CM

Siddaramaiah

Ibrahim

Vijayendra

Bengaluru, Aug. 19 (UNI)- Days after former Union Minister C.M. Ibrahim claimed in Mysuru that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had 'purchased votes' in Badami Constituency of Bagalkot district from where he had successfully contested in the 2018 Assembly polls, the Karnataka BJP on Monday said, it would approach the State Election Commission (SEC) over allegations of vote-buying by Siddaramaiah.

The BJP's response came in the Vidhana Soudha when State Party Chief and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra sought a reply from the Government to questions about former senior Congress leader C.M. Ibrahim's statement and an alleged audio clip of Congress MLA from Arasikere, K.M. Shivalinge Gowda discussing "vote purchases".

(See BJP on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 19th August 2025

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REMORSE AND LIBERATION: *Srimad Bhagavatham* ***discusses whether the human body belongs to the provider of food, who gives sustenance, or to one's father, who gave life, or to the mother, who cared for the child. It also ponders whether a maternal grandfather might have ownership in case of adoption, or whether a powerful man might claim ownership where force is used, such as with bonded labour. These examples show the complexity of the ownership question.***

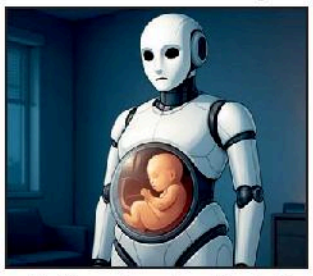
This discussion highlights the impermanence and uncertainty of human body ownership. Although a man may boast of his body while living, it ultimately becomes a worm after death if buried, or ashes if cremated. Reflecting on this, the text poses a question: why should a man pamper his body for self-interest, especially if he risks perdition for unleashing violence against other living beings?

Brahma Sri Sundar Kumar, in a discourse, emphasised that people should use the faculties given by God to pray and derive His blessings. He narrated the story of Nalakubara and Manigreeva, sons of Kubera, who committed undesirable acts out of haughtiness and incurred the curse of Sage Narada. This story drives home the message that, whoever it may be, they cannot escape punishment for their misdeeds. Realising their mistakes, Nalakubara and Manigreeva sought pardon, and the sage assured them that Lord Krishna would ultimately liberate them. They lived for 100 celestial years as Arjuna trees. To fulfil the words of the sage, the Lord, as infant Krishna, who was bound to a mortar with a cord by his mother Yasodha, crawled between the trees. They fell and rose on the spot as two celestial figures and got liberated.

—In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pregnancy robot sparks controversy



Beijing: Reports about the world's first-ever humanoid surrogate robot nearing completion at a robotics company in China have sparked controversy about the potential ethical implications of such a device.

In an interview with Zhang Qifeng, the CEO of Kaiwa Technology, a robotics start-up working on a revolutionary pregnancy robot, Qifeng revealed that his company was completing the first humanoid pregnancy robot featuring an advanced incubation pod integrated within a robotic abdominal module. The revolutionary robot is much more than a simple incubator, with Qifeng claiming that it is capable of carrying a 10-month pregnancy and giving birth to a live baby, like a real person.

His interview quickly went viral on Chinese social media, sparking heated debates among online users. Critics dubbed the technology 'unnatural', adding that it was cruel and unethical to deprive the foetus of a connection with its natural mother.

Man blocking traffic for over a decade!

Swansea: David Hampson has been silently blocking the same intersection in the city of Swansea for over a decade, for reasons no one can uncover.

His has a bizarre habit of standing in the middle of a Swansea intersection and blocking traffic until Police arrest him. He never talked to anyone, including the Police and preferred to spend months in jail rather than provide an explanation for his bizarre habit.

When he got released, he was back to his old shenanigans. A lot has changed over the last four years, but David's traffic-blocking habit wasn't one of them. He is still at it, over a decade since his first arrest, back in 2014.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Protein isn't always good. Excessive intake may strain kidneys, especially if you already have health risks.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P T - Consultant - Nephrologist & Transplant Physician
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Team Champaka Academy performs at Bengaluru

Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan of Champaka Academy, Mysuru & disciples presented 'Raja Sahitya Rasa Vaibhavam,' Bharatanatyam performance for famous compositions of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, at Indian Institute of World Culture endowment programme in Bengaluru recently.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.25 feet**	Today's level **2,283.63 feet**	Today's level **2,857.07 feet**
Last year's level **123.46 feet**	Last year's level **2,282.25 feet**	Last year's level **2,857.54 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.54 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.68 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,857.02 feet**
Today's Inflow **70,954 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **26,195 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **6,699 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **91,330 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **26,450 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **6,479 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The deepest freshwater lake in the world is Lake Baikal, located in Siberia. It plunges to a whopping depth of 5,315 feet (1,620m).*
- *Niagara Falls never freezes.*
- *Egypt is classified as the oldest country in the world, dating back to 3100 BCE.*
- *Acacia trees in Africa communicate with each other. They emit gasses to alert other trees to produce the toxin tannin, which protects them from hungry animals.*
- *Armadillos are bulletproof.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Diner: *Waiter get me an omelette.*
Waiter: *French or Spanish?*
Diner: *What does that matter? After all I am going to eat it, not talk to it.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar = **Rs. 87.11**
1 UK Pound = **Rs. 117.79**
1 UAE Dirham = **Rs. 23.72**
1 Euro = **Rs. 101.78**

VOICE OF THE READER

Stop reckless, high-speed driving on Chamundi Hill Road

Sir,

Recently, a cow was fatally struck by a speeding vehicle on Chamundi Hill Road. The reckless and high-speed driving by private vehicle users on this Road poses a severe threat to public safety.

This incident is not isolated, but part of a recurring pattern of dangerous behaviour by car and two-wheeler drivers. These drivers frequently engage in dangerous overtaking, disregarding oncoming traffic, thereby endangering the lives of morning walkers, pedestrians and other road-users.

Despite repeated complaints to the authorities concerned, the measures taken have been temporary and insufficient, allowing law-breaking drivers to continue their reckless behaviour with impunity.

The footpaths along Chamundi Hill Road, meant to provide safety for pedestrians, offer little protection when vehicles are driven at excessive speeds and in a manner that disregards the safety of other road-users.

I urge the authorities to take stringent and sustained action to address this menace on a war-footing. The following measures could be considered to regulate and streamline this dangerous situation:

1. Increased patrolling and deployment of Traffic Police to monitor and enforce speed limits.

2. Installation of speed-breakers, warning signs and speed cameras to deter reckless driving.

3. Strict enforcement of penalties, including fines and licence suspension for traffic rule violations.

4. Public awareness campaigns to educate drivers on safe driving practices.

Without prompt and decisive action, the risk of further accidents, injuries and loss of life — both human and animal — remains imminent.

I hope the authorities will prioritise the safety of law-abiding citizens and take immediate steps to bring rule-breaking drivers to account, ensuring Chamundi Hill Road is safe for all.

—P. Rajan

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Royaloak Furniture opens new store at Mall of Mysore

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (KS)- Royaloak Furniture expanded its store network with the inauguration of its new store on the 1st floor of Mall of Mysore, making it the third store in city and 62nd in Karnataka.

The grand launch was held in the presence of Vijai Subramaniam, Chairman of Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd.; Mathan Subramaniam, Managing Director; Kiran Chhabria, Franchise Head of Royaloak; Thammaiah Kotera, Head of Visual Merchandising; Mahesh Pandit, Franchise Operation Head of Royaloak and Ravi Rao, Franchise Manager of Royaloak.

Royaloak, in collaboration with Devdan Foundation, distributed essential educational items to specially abled children. These gifts were presented to the kids by the Chairman, reflecting Royaloak's ongoing commitment to community engagement and social responsibility.

Covering an impressive 5,000 square feet on the first floor, the store boasts an extensive array of furniture for every part of the home, including living rooms, bedrooms, dining areas, study & office, outdoor, home decor, mattresses and more.

Speaking at the inaugural event, Vijai Subramaniam said, "We are proud to open another store in Karnataka, where we already have a strong network of more than 60 stores and 200 stores nationwide. The new opening reflects our commitment to serving our customers better and our belief in the growing potential of this market. We look forward to provide quality products and exceptional service to our valued customers here."

The carefully curated and exclusive 'Country Store' displays the finest and most unique furniture selections from countries such as America, Italy, Malaysia and India. Through its dedicated standalone stores, Royaloak aspires to elevate the aesthetic appeal of homes with its modern, luxurious and affordable furniture offerings.

The brand has been fulfilling the lifestyle requirements of its expansive customer base, exceeding 10 million individuals. Royaloak has a presence PAN India, including all metro cities, Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across the country.

CFTRI invites applications for specialised Barista training

Mysuru, Aug. 19- BioNEST at CSIR- Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), in collaboration with the Coffee Quality Division, Coffee Board of India, will organise a five-day specialised Barista training programme aimed at promoting excellence in coffee brewing and service. The event titled "A Bean to Brew Journey — Master the Basics of Brewing" will be held from Sept.1 to 5 at CFTRI.

This hands-on, non-residential programme is open to individuals who have completed their 12th std. and wish to gain professional coffee-making expertise. Participants will learn and practice essential skills for the coffee industry, including: Espresso Basics — Mastering grind size, extraction and tamping; Milk Frothing & Latte Art — Creating perfect microfoam and its designs; Customer Service Excellence — Building rapport and delivering quality. For details contact Ph: 0821-2412608 or Mob: 94821-57878.

Agilus Diagnostics in city

***Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy** (third from left) lighting the lamp to inaugurate Agilus Diagnostics, a subsidiary of Fortis Healthcare Limited, on Adichunchanagiri Road in city yesterday as CEO of Agilus Diagnostics Dr. K. Anand, Founder Dr. Madanlal, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, MD Karthik Srinivasan, Branch Head Amith and others look on. The new diagnostic centre, which offers access to diagnostic and preventive healthcare services including CT Scan, Ultrasound Scan, X-Ray, OPG, Mammography, EEG and Audiometry, ECG, ECHO, TMT, Pathology Lab service and preventive health check-ups, is open from 7 am to 8 pm daily (Sundays 7 am to 2 pm).*

Sharana Darshana-126 online programme

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, has organised Sharana Darshana-126 online programme tomorrow at 6 pm through Google Meet. Link: ***https://meet.google.com/usy-rdzj-dbc***

Code: **usy-rdzj-dbc**.

Researcher and agriculturist D. Ravikumar will deliver a lecture on 'Vachanagalalli Lokanubhava.' Parishat Mysuru City Unit Vice-President M. Chinnaswamy will preside. Dr. Suguna Kuladeepa from Mysuru will render invocation. For details, contact Mob: 95355-00538 or 99865-40575.

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 19- As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its quarterly maintenance works at Megalapura, Dattagalli and Tayur Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Megalapura Power Distribution Centre: Inam Uthanahalli, M.C. Hundi, Keelanapura, Siddaramanahundi, Megalapura, Madhavagere, Gurukarapura, Duddagere, Mahadevi Colony, Lakshmipura, P.G. Hundi, Chattanahalli, Chattanahalli Palya, Hosahalli, Ranganathapura, Srinivasapura, Yadakola, Kadavekattehundi, Anchehundi, Devegowdanahundi, Muddegowdanahundi, Kuppegala, Varakodu Paper Mill, SR Industries, Rajarshi Industry and surrounding areas.

Dattagalli Power Distribution Centre: Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Triveni Super Market Area, Kadamba Bakery, Dattagalli I-Block, MUDA Employees Layout, Sub-Registrar's Office, Kanakadasanagar, Aditya Circle, Somanathanagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Kergalli, Kalki Layout, Nandi Circle, Jodi Beevina Mara, RT Nagar, Lingambudipalya, University Layout, Vasu Layout, R.K. Nagar K-Block, Mooganahundi, Nagarthahalli, Devagalli, Ballalli, Hanagalli, Thibbayyanahundi, Beerihundi, CESC Chief Engineer's Office, Karthik Layout I-Block and surrounding areas.

Tayur Power Distribution Centre: Tayur, Gejjaganahalli, Vaddarahundi, Eshwaragowdanahalli, Kottarayanahundi, Beerihundi, Kahalli, Kamalli and Kalkunda villages, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer and Assistant Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Division and Nanjangud Sub-Division 2.

NEWS BRIEFS

D. Devaraj Urs' birth anniversary

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has organised former CM D. Devaraj Urs' 110th birth anniversary celebrations at Kalamandira tomorrow (Aug. 20) at 10.30 am. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the event. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside.

Anti-obesity camp

A 12-day Anti-obesity camp began at JSS Ayurveda Hospital on Lalithadripura Road in Alanahalli this morning. The camp will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on all the days till Aug. 30. The camp features Prakruthi Assessment, Ayurvedic Lifestyle and Diet Modification, Ayurveda Panchakarma Therapies and Vyayama (Physical Exercises), according to a press release. For further information, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 98441-36277.

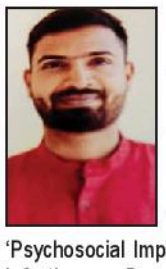
Free eye camp

Amrutamshu Trust, Mysuru, in association with Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, District Blindness Eradication Society and Mobile Eye Clinic Unit of K.R. Hospital, has organised a free eye check-up camp at No. 2767, Panchajanya, 5th Main Road, Medarakeri, Chamundipuram, on Aug. 21 from 10 am to 1 pm. For registration and details, contact Mob: 99452-70646 or 97426-34110.

KSOU Mega Job Fair on Aug. 30

The Placement Cell of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, in association with District Employment Exchange, Mysuru, is organising a Mega Job Fair (Udyoga Mela)-2025 at its campus along Hunsur Road on Aug. 30 from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. Candidates with qualifications ranging from SSLC to Post-Graduation and Engineering Degree, can take part in this Udyoga Mela, in which more than 80 companies and industries are expected to take part. The interested candidates may register by using the Google Form link: ***https://forms.gle/7eiZcRwudPHkKFmS7***

Ph.D awardee



A.S. Madhu has been awarded Ph.D in Psychiatric Social Work by the Institute of National Importance, Bengaluru, for his thesis 'Psychosocial Impact of COVID-19 Infection on Persons with Mental Illness' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Janaki Raman, Dr. K. Thennarasu and Dr. Ajit B. Dahale.

'Celebrate Ganesha Festival & Eid Milad with harmony'

SP Vishnuvardhana appeals community leaders

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (PM&DM)- Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana has appealed Hindu and Muslim community leaders to celebrate Ganesha festival and Eid Milad with harmony and not to give way for any untoward incidents.

Addressing a peace meeting of community leaders of Mysuru district at his office here yesterday, the SP said that the Ganesha festival is scheduled to be held on Aug. 27 and Eid Milad on Sept. 5 and all the communities should follow the rules laid out by the Government.

Stating that it is mandatory to get prior permission from the jurisdictional Police Stations and other concerned Departments for the installation of idols at public spaces, the SP cautioned against forced fund collection from public for the celebration.

"The organisers of Ganesha Pandals should not use DJ music during the festival and while taking out idol immersion procession. Also CCTV cameras should be installed at idol installation spots. The public should not post any messages or social media posts that hurt religious sentiments of other communities. Flexes and banners should be erected only after getting due permission of the concerned authorities and they should be removed once the festival is over. The members of the public should follow the guidelines and rules and regulations issued by the Police during the two festivals and maintain peace and harmony throughout," the SP said.

Additional SPs C. Malik and L. Nagesh and other Police personnel were present.

City Congress takes out candle light rally in protest against alleged 'vote theft' by BJP

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (VVH&DM)- Accusing the ruling BJP at the Centre of 'vote theft' and other electoral manipulations in order to stay in power, the City and District Congress took out a candle light march in the city on Thursday evening.

Launching the rally in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar said, the rally with slogan 'Nanna Matha, Nanna Ajanma Sidda Hakku' (My vote, My birthright), was organised to expose BJP's electoral rolls manipulation and other malpractices in the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in States to remain in power.

Charging the BJP of misusing the Election Commission of India (ECI) for winning the polls either by hook or crook, Vijaykumar alleged that the BJP had resorted to 'vote theft' in a very calculative and clandestine manner.

Maintaining that Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi has exposed the ruling dispensation at the Centre of electoral fraud by presenting supporting documents in public, he claimed that the ruling BJP has been unresponsive to Congress party's charges. As such, Congress has launched the rally in order to force BJP to step down from power, which he alleged had gained it through electoral fraud, he argued.

The protesters raised slogans against Prime Minister Modi and the Election Commission throughout the rally.

The rally, which was launched from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, culminated at Gandhi Square, where a demonstration was held.

City Congress President R. Murthy, Party office-bearers Siddaraju, Mahesh, Nagesh, Somu, Shivanna, Shivaprasad, Shaukath Pasha, Rajendra Prasad, Ashok, Rajashekar, former Mayors Pushpalatha Chikkanna and Chikkanna, and others were present.

Drunken brawl: CCB Inspector Mohan Kumar suspended

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (KS)- City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar has ordered suspension of City Crime Branch (CCB) Inspector Mohan Kumar after he allegedly indulged in a drunken brawl at a pub in city.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, the City Police Commissioner said that as the Inspector had brought disrespect to the Police Department he has been suspended pending Departmental enquiry.

It is learnt that, following weekend, Inspector Mohan, along with his family members and friends had gone to a pub at J.C. Nagar on Chamundi Hill Road, where he consumed liquor and picked up a fight with others in the pub over a petty issue.

When the staff intervened, Mohan Kumar is said to have threatened them saying, "I am a CCB Police Officer, you cannot do anything to me. What case will you put on me."

The drunken brawl has been captured on mobile phones by a few persons and the video has gone viral on social media.

Other sources said that Inspector Mohan Kumar told the pub staff to play Puneeth Rajkumar film songs as he (Mohan Kumar) was a fan of the late actor which led to a wordy duel resulting in Mohan Kumar getting physical and threatening the staff that he was a Police Officer.

Obituary

Dorothy E. Francis

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Dorothy E. Francis (90), former Stenographer at Holdsworth Memorial Hospital and a resident of Lourdnagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind one son, one daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at Gandhinagar Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road this afternoon.

B.K. Ramalingu

B.K. Ramalingu (65), retired employee of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (CNNL) and a resident of Paduvarahalli here, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons and a host of relatives and friends. He was the son of former Corporator Sriram's sister.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds this noon, according to family sources.

GTD inaugurates Kuvempu

Vokkaligara Kshemabhivruddhi Trust

Awards presented; achievers honoured

Former Justice N. Gopal Gowda, retd. IAS Officer T. Thimmegowda, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda and former Under Secretary M.K. Venkataramu, who were conferred with Kuvempu Samskruthika Prashasti during the inauguration of Kuvempu Vokkaligara Kshemabhivruddhi Trust in city on Friday, seen with MLA G.T. Devegowda, Seers, guests and organisers of the programme.

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (MTY&TRR)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has said that Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's contributions to Kannada literature is extraordinary and he will appeal the Central Government to posthumously award 'Bharat Ratna' to Poet Laureate Kuvempu.

He was speaking at a function organised to inaugurate Kuvempu Vokkaligara Kshemabhivruddhi Trust at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempunagar on Friday.

Presentation of awards, Pratibha Puraskar and felicitations to achievers and sportspersons were also part of the inaugural function of the Trust.

GTD said that the life and literary works of Kuvempu continues to inspire generations and we all must try to spread Kuvempu' s legacy across the world.

"The achievements of Kuvempu in the field of literature are huge and he deserves to be honoured by presenting 'Bharat Ratna' in recognition of his contributions to the literary world. I will soon submit a memorandum to both the Central and the State Governments in this regard," said the MLA.

Former Justice N. Gopal Gowda, in his speech, said that Kuvempu has propagated the concept of Universal Man (Vishwa Manava). "Kuvempu's style of poetry gave a new dimension to Kannada literature. It is good that a Trust has been formed in Kuvempu's name to engage in social activities and to felicitate achievers," he added.

Awards presented

On the occasion, Kuvempu Samskruthika Prashasti was conferred on former Justice N. Gopal Gowda, retd. IAS Officer T. Thimmegowda, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar, former Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda and former Under Secretary M.K. Venkataramu.

Samaja Seva awards were given to businessman Govindegowda, Vishwamanava Trust President Prof. B.K. Chandrashekar Gowda, social worker Mellahalli Boregowda and Adichunchanagiri Branch Mutt's devotee N.G. Narayana.

Also, Vaidya Ratna awards were given to Cardiologist Dr. Arun Srinivas, Suyog Hospital Founder Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Obstetrician Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar and Neurologist Dr. Shushrutha Gowda.

Civic workers were felicitated at the function and Prathibha Puraskar were given to talented students for scoring high marks in SSLC and PUC examinations. Sportspersons were given prizes in memory of Kempeeregowda.

Adichunchanagiri Branch Mutt's Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, Vishwa Vokkaliga Mahasamsthana Pontiff Dr. Nischalanandanatha Swamiji, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram's Swami Muktidanandaji, Legislators T.S. Srivatsa & C.N. Manjegowda, former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda, Trust President H.K. Ramu, Vice-President K.M. Chandregowda, Convenor Vijayendra Bookanakere and other office-bearers were present.

Second batch of five Dasara Jumbos to arrive in city on Aug. 25

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (MTY&KS)- The second batch of five elephants including three debutants will arrive in city on Aug. 25 and will be welcomed into the Palace through Jayamarthanda Gate at 4 pm.

The five elephants, which include three males and two females are: 42-year-old Gopi, 43-year-old Sugreeva and 11-year-old Hemavathi (debutant) from Dubare Elephant Camp, 56-year-old Srikanta (debutant) from Mathigodu Elephant Camp and 44-year-old Roopa (debutant) from Bheemanakatte Elephant Camp.

Meanwhile, the first batch of nine elephants led by Golden Howdah carrier Captain Abhimanyu, which arrived on Aug. 4 evening to city and entered Mysore Palace on Aug. 10, have been put on special diet, and training to make them familiar on *Jumboo Savari* route has begun.

This year, Dasara festivities will commence on Sept. 22 and will conclude with the world famous *Jumboo Savari* on Oct. 2.

Folklore arts sidelined in Dasara, says UoM Prasaranga Director

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (VVH&DM)- University of Mysore Prasaranga Director Dr. M. Nanjaiah Honganur expressed concern that folklore arts have long been neglected during Dasara.

He was speaking after inaugurating a seminar on 'Necessity of Training Youth in Folklore Arts' at the Free Theatre and Folk Art Forms Training Camp -2025, organised jointly by Gowthama Education and Cultural Seva Trust and the Department of Kannada & Culture at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi in Rangayana premises recently.

Pointing out that Dasara is celebrated with rich cultural diversity, Dr. Nanjaiah lamented that folklore has been conveniently ignored and folk artistes often treated with disdain. He urged the Dasara authorities to provide greater opportunities for women folk artistes and demanded that the honorarium for folk performers be increased from the current Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 5,000, ensuring that folk arts receive their rightful place in the celebrations.

Regretting the declining interest in literature and culture and the growing fascination with Western trends, Dr. Nanjaiah stressed that India's identity lies in its folk traditions. He emphasised that cultural originality can be preserved only if the younger generation takes up the responsibility of conserving folk arts.

Folk scholar Dr. Appagere Thimmaraju also addressed the gathering. Gowthama Trust President Krishnamurthy Talakad, Dr. Sridhar Murthy, Dr. Somanna, Ramachandra and several others were present.

Call to increase number of Souharda Co-operative Societies

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (BLU&DM)- The day-long contact programme and subject-based training for Souharda Co-operators, organised by the Mysuru Regional Office of Karnataka State Souharda Federal Co-operative Limited, Bengaluru, was held at Maya's Kings Kourt Hotel near Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) on JLB Road here yesterday.

Speaking as a chief guest on the occasion, former Vice-President of Karnataka State Souharda Federal Co-operative Limited, H.V. Rajeev, who is also a former MUDA Chairman, opined that the number of Souharda Co-operative Societies should increase in order to push the growth of Co-operative sector.

Stressing on the need for Co-operators to properly understand the Co-operative laws, rules and regulations, Rajeev said that a law making it mandatory for Co-operative Societies to declare their assets, is forthcoming and in this backdrop, a thorough understanding of laws is necessary.

"The Co-operative Societies should stretch their functioning and take new steps for advancement and growth. This would also help in larger economic activities in the Co-operative sector," he maintained.

Earlier, Regional Officer Guruprasad Bangera welcomed. Souharda Federal Co-operative Limited, Bengaluru's Managing Director Sharanagouda G. Patil delivered the keynote address.

The Co-operative Limited's Vice-President A.R. Prasannakumar, Directors B.H. Krishna Reddy & Bharathi G. Bhat, former Director Somaiah, Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu Districts Federal Co-operative Limited President S.R. Narayana Rao and others were present.

New team of District Photographers and Videographers Association

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (KS)- The following have been elected as the new office-bearers of Mysore District Photographers and Videographers Association for the year 2025-27 at the elections held in city recently:

President: B. Vijay; Vice-President: H. Rajagopal; Secretary: A. Dhananjaya; Joint Secretary: K.N. Umashankar; Treasurer: K. Umesh; Public Relations Officer: K.G. Siddalinga Prasad; Directors: Mahesh Dadadahalli, A. Mohan, M. Lokesh, M.N. Manjunath, M. Narayana Swamy, Manjunath and K.U. Vargeese.

International Youth Day-2025

'Youths population aplenty, but lack platform to grow'

Dr. Chandramouli, Chairperson, Department of Studies in Social Work, lighting the lamp during the inauguration of International Youth Day-2025 at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri in city this morning, as entrepreneur Nikhil Jagadish, GRAAM Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, journalist Keerthi Kolgar and the students of Social Work look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (MK&BS)- International Youth Day-2025, was celebrated in association with Department of Studies in Social Work, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore (UoM), Hanns Siedel Foundation and Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning.

The day-long programme was jointly inaugurated by Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director, GRAAM, Nikhil Jagadish, entrepreneur and Director of Sankalp Group, Mysuru, Usha Subramanian, Head of Finance & Administration, Hanns Siedel Foundation and Keerthi Kolgar, journalist.

Participating in a panel discussion on the topic 'Youth Engagement for Sustainable Mysuru,' Basavaraju R. Shreshta said, before India became independent, Swami Vivekananda had given a call to the nation, to hand him over three youths to build a new India.

"The country has a gamut of youngsters and among them, merely 25 percent are availing higher education, with the remaining 63 percent deprived of the opportunities for higher education. The participation of youths in the society is 0.4 percent and a meagre one per cent participate in politics. Though youths are interested to participate in every field, they are denied platform to do so. If they fail to participate in the development of society, the country's progress is not possible," opined Dr. Basavaraju.

In countries like China, North Korea and other countries, it is mandatory to join the army, but in our country, it is the voluntary army, said Dr. Basavaraju, underlining the importance of youths participation in guarding the nation.

Nikhil Jagadish said, the youngsters today are more aware and are developing the habit of questioning the mistakes, but still their active participation in the society is below the mark.

Journalist Keerthi Kolgar said, the youths are believed as the future of the country, who can easily understand the matters and gain the experience, but when it comes to putting their experience into action, they fall behind. The life today, can be split into two as real and virtual, she said, underlining the engagement of youths in social media, the virtual society rather than the real society.

Dr. Chandramouli, Chairperson, Department of Studies in Social Work, presided over the inaugural session.

Competitions

As part of the event, competitions in street play, poster presentation, citizen journalist and quiz were organised.

Valedictory

The valedictory session is scheduled at 4.30 pm, during which S.L. Chennabasavanna, in-charge Director of Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru and Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore, will participate as the speakers and guests.

Students participating in Street Play contest, organised as part of Intl. Youth Day-2025 event.

Panachee Fashion & Lifestyle Expo

The 2-day Panachee Fashion & Lifestyle Expo-cum-Sale — Mysuru Festive Edition — was inaugurated at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning by Namrata Shenoy (MD of Diya Groups), Pallavi Adarsh (of A. Shankara Chetty & Sons) and Suchita Sanjay (Clinical Hypnotherapist) in the presence of Organisers Sahanaa Sumanth and Sindu Vikram. The expo will be open from 10.30 am to 8 pm today and tomorrow. Entry is free. [Mob: 96202-04740 or 98860-32246]

Entries invited for Dasara Film Fest

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Dasara Film Festival Sub-Committee has invited applications from regional movie makers to take part in this year's Dasara Film Festival. Last date to submit the application is Aug. 30.

The films should be made between 1.10.2024 and 25.8.2025. Interested should upload the movie on vimeo and share the link application on ***https://forms.gle/ErbbxqrzZR2HDRzCA***

The movies can be of any language and selected movies for the film festival should be submitted in Digital Cinema Package (DCP) format along with the subtitles. The movies submitted without fulfilling the conditions will be rejected.

For details, contact E. Shreyas on Mob: 74115-64510 or follow ***Mydff_Mysuru*** facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp page, according to a press release from the Department of Information and Publicity Assistant Director and Dasara Film Festival Secretary T.K. Harish.

Karnataka BJP to move EC

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Vijayendra said, "There are two issues — one is about Arasikere Congress MLA Shivalinge Gowda's statement and the other on C.M. Ibrahim, a close associate of Siddaramaiah. Ibrahim had recently claimed that votes were bought in the Assembly election in which Siddaramaiah won by a narrow margin."

Vijayendra added, "CM Siddaramaiah won that crucial election by just over 1,500 votes. The BJP will pursue this matter seriously. We may approach the State Election Commission by tomorrow or the day after and demand a thorough investigation."

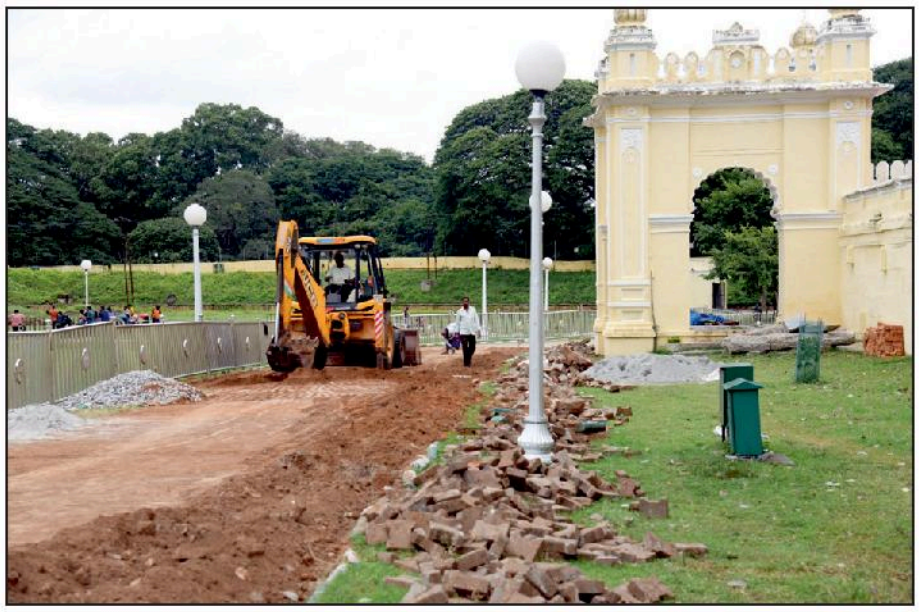
BJP Rajya Sabha Member Lahar Singh Siroya had recently filed a complaint with the Election Commission of India about Ibrahim's claim that 3,000 votes were bought for Siddaramaiah in the 2018 Assembly polls.

Lahar Singh, in his complaint, also called for a probe into an audio clip allegedly featuring Shivalinge Gowda, claiming that money was distributed in Hassan Constituency during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Another purported audio clip captures Gowda discussing with a Congress Rajya Sabha MP how much money should be distributed per voter in Hassan to ensure the party candidate's victory.

With BJP now set to move the SEC, tensions over vote-buying charges may escalate between ruling Congress and the BJP.

Dasara works on at Palace



Mysuru, Aug. 19 (MTY&BS)- With Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara fast approaching, various Departments have taken works to spruce up the Mysore Palace premises, prominent statues and circles across the city.

Dasara is scheduled to be held from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2.

Palace, the main attraction with enhanced features during Dasara every year, is getting a facelift, with Mysore Palace Board taking up various works.

Similarly, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Public Works Department (PWD) and other Departments to name a few, have taken up works at their level.

A temporary shelter and tent has been already built for the elephants and their mahouts and kavadis respectively, participating in the annual event.

While nine elephants have already arrived in the first batch and five more elephants arriving in the second batch on Aug. 25, the paths used by the elephants surrounding the tent, near Trineshwara Swamy temple premises, are being repaired.

The interlock tiles are removed and the earth is being levelled, using an earth moving vehicle, so that the pachyderms can amble with ease.

Tent School

The Tent School for the children of mahouts and kavadis, functioning in a room at the Palace premises, has made an informal start. Three teachers deputed to the school are teaching the children, with the help of charts and images, to bridge the gap created for being away from the regular classes.

Besides, the gardeners are involved in watering flower pots, to redo the gardens at the Palace premises that wear a new look every Dasara.

The vehicle parking lot between Kote Maramma temple and Jayamarthanda Gate is also being cleaned and levelled with the help of an earth mover.

Cleaning of statues

The statues of erstwhile Maharajas of Mysore, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at K.R. Circle, Chamarajendra Wadiyar at the Circle having same name, opposite Mysore Palace North Gate and of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, also at the Circle named similarly (formerly Hardinge Circle), are also being cleaned, to take up repainting of the artistic domes and the interiors that form the major attractions in the city.

Vote Chori campaign held in city

Mysuru, Aug.19 (BLU&TRR)- City Congress workers, led by KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, took out an awareness campaign on 'Vote Chori' at KSRTC sub-urban bus stand in city this morning.

The Congress party is organising public awareness campaign across the nation about 'Vote Theft' after Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi raised the allegations of serious fraud involving the poll panel.

Rahul Gandhi, while participating in an exclusive event in Bengaluru recently, had alleged that BJP with the help of Election Commission of India (ECI) had indulged in 'Vote Theft' to gain power by manipulating the voters list.

Lakshmana, while leading the campaign by pasting 'Stop Vote Theft' stickers, trained guns on BJP saying, the saffron party is in power at 18 States, only by tweaking the voters list.

"In Bihar, which is going to Assembly polls shortly, the names of a shocking 65 lakh voters have been deleted by the poll panel. In the recently held Assembly elections at Maharashtra, 90 lakh voters were allowed to cast their votes in the last one hour, suffice to say, how the Election Commission helped BJP to win the elections," alleged Lakshmana.

Former Zilla Panchayat (ZP) President B.M. Ramu, President of City and District Youth Congress Committee Syed Abrar and others participated in the campaign.

Former SC Justice Sudershan Reddy is I.N.D.I.A bloc's VP candidate

Reddy *Radhakrishnan*

New Delhi, Aug. 19 (Agencies)- Leaders of the I.N.D.I.A bloc today announced former Supreme Court Justice B. Sudershan Reddy as their candidate for the Vice-Presidential (VP) election to be held on Sept. 9.

The announcement comes after a huddle at AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's residence to deliberate on fielding a common candidate.

The BJP-led NDA had named Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan as its nominee for the post on Sunday. Radhakrishnan is a former President of the party's Tamil Nadu Unit and RSS veteran. Reddy will contest against Radhakrishnan for the second highest post in India.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had reached out to Opposition leaders, including Kharge, seeking support for a consensus choice.

The Sept. 9 election was necessitated after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned from the VP post last month citing health reasons. The majority mark is 394 with the combined strength of both Houses at 786.

The last date for filing nominations is Aug. 21.

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Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Dance Competition held

'Kalemane Kalashree' awardees seen with the dignitaries.

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, had organised the 58th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal recently.

As part of this celebration, the '5th International Nirantara Kalemane Bharatanatyam Dance Competition' was also conducted.

The competition commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by distinguished dance gurus — Divya Prashanth, Mysuru; Bhagya Jyothi, Shivamogga; Angel Rashmi D'Souza, Kushalnagar; Vidwan B. Girish Kumar, Puttur; Vidwan P. Uday Kumar, Bengaluru and Vidwan N. Manjunath, Mangaluru.

A total of 64 participants from across the country took part in both Junior and Senior categories of the dance competition.

At the valedictory ceremony in the evening, prizes were distributed to the winners of the dance competition and the following distinguished individuals from various fields were honoured with 'Kalemane Kalashree' award:

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal (Literature and Social Service); B. Balakrishnayya (Education); Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar (Literature and Social Service); M.S. Basavanna (Photo-Journalism) and Nani Hebbalu (Photo-Journalism).

A group photo of the prize winners of the '5th International Nirantara Kalemane Bharatanatyam Dance Competition' with the event organisers and dignitaries.

Acharya Kalasakara Award conferred

Dr. K. Kumar (third from right), internationally renowned Bharatanatyam guru from Mysuru, was conferred with Acharya Kalasakara Lifetime Achievement Award by Griffin College, London, at the award ceremony held at TAG P.S. Dakshinamurthy Auditorium in Chennai recently. The award was presented in the distinguished presence of Padma Bhushan Dr. Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti, Sirappu Kalaimamani Dr. Ambika Kameshwar, Kalaimamani V. Ramji, Dr. Padma Rahulan (Founder and President of Griffin College, London) and Nathan Rahul. Karnataka Kalashree awardee Dr. Kumar has served as a Professor and Head of the Department of Dance at the University College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore.

Kodavaamera Aara Bera...

Grand celebration of Kodava Tradition and Music in city

Mysuru, Aug. 19- *Kodavaamera Aara Bera*, a grand celebration of Kodava Ayyime Koyyime (Kodava Heritage, Tradition, Music and Unity) will be presented by Karnataka Kodava Sahitya Academy in collaboration with Kodava Samaja, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department, on Aug. 23 (Saturday) at Kodava Samaja premises in Vijayanagar from 9 am onwards.

Kodava Sahitya Academy President A.C. Mahesh Nachaiah will preside. CM's Legal Advisor and Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLC M. Suja Kushalappa, KPCC State Publicity Committee Vice-President S. Veena Achaiah, Kodagu District Guarantee Implementation Committee President T. Dharmaja Uthappa, Kodava Samaja President P.A. Ganapathy, former Corporator M.U. Subbaiah and Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be the chief guests. Mangaluru's Balmatta Government First Grade Women's College Lecturer Dr. B. Radhika Kuttappa will deliver a talk on 'Na Puttana Mann.'

'Prapatthi' Fest held in city

Mysuru, Aug. 19- 'Prapatthi,' Annual Bharatanatyam Festival was organised by Prashanthi Sansthan at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here recently.

The event was inaugurated by Guru Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav, a Bharatanatyam exponent and Vice-President at Kaynes Technology, Mysuru. Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, was the chief guest. Dr. Rama V. Bennur, music critic and Visiting Professor at Music University, presided.

Around 30 students of Prashanthi Sansthan, disciples of Harshini Prajwal, presented a Bharatanatyam recital.

The performance repertoire consisted of Khanda Melaprapthi, followed by Eka Shloki Mahabharata, Jatiswara in Raaga Vasantha, Kriti, written by Shree Annamacharya (Shreeman Narayana) in Bhouli Raaga, Devaranama (Pogadirelo Ranga) in Raaga Shankarabharana, Pillaari Geete, and Thillana of Brindavani Raaga.

Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan of Champaka Academy lighting the lamp during the inauguration of 'Prapatthi' Annual Bharatanatyam Festival organised by Prashanthi Sansthan at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar recently. Also seen are (from left) Bharatanatyam exponent Guru Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav, Music Critic Dr. Rama V. Bennur and Prashanthi Sansthan President Prajwal Yadav and Guru & Managing Trustee Harshini Prajwal.

KSCA Maharaja Trophy 2025

Mysore Warriors bounce back with 39-run win over Bengaluru Blasters

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Defending champions, Mysore Warriors were back to winning ways with a 39-run victory over Bengaluru Blasters at KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 Tournament being held at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

After Yashovardhan Parantap (39 off 21) made a vital contribution to bring the Mysore Warriors to 136/7 in 16 overs (match reduced to 16 overs an innings due to rain), the combination of youth and experience in Shikhar Shetty and K. Gowtham sliced through the Blasters batting unit to restrict them to 97/9.

The Blasters' chase had a poor start with L.R. Chethan (0), Mayank Agarawal (1) and Bhuvan Raju (5) departing in quick succession. It was Shikhar Shetty, K. Gowtham and C.A. Karthik who picked up a wicket each to leave the Blasters reeling at 8/3 in 2.4 overs. The Blasters' downfall continued as they lost three crucial wickets in the next five overs. Shikhar Shetty turned the screws with two more wickets removing M.G. Naveen (9) and then striking again to send Suraj Ahuja (2) back to the pavilion.

Opener Rohan Patil (10 off 12) struggled to get going until he was bowled by K. Gowtham, leaving the innings in disarray. The Blasters needed 107 runs in the final eight overs with four wickets and the equation proved too steep. Madhav Prakash Bajaj (34) fought back along with Shubhang Hegde (13) in a 37-run stand towards the end, but the Blasters wound up well short at 97/9 in 18 overs.

Shikhar Shetty of Mysore Warriors seen receiving the 'Player of the Match' award.

Put in first, the Warriors made the most of the revised powerplay of 4.5 overs, collecting 57 runs for the loss of two wickets. S.U. Karthik (13) was trapped LBW by Vidyadhar Patil while C.A. Karthik (20) launched two sixes and a four before he fell to M.G. Naveen. Runs were hard to come by in the next phase of the innings as Harshil Dharmani (14) and Manish Pandey (12) were scalped by Shubhang Hegde and Mohsin Khan.

At the halfway mark, the Warriors were 68/4. K.S Lankesh (15) was unable to replicate his form from last night and became Mohsin Khan's second scalp of the innings as the spinner returned figures of 3/10 in his three overs. Yashovardan Parantap (39) provided a much-needed boost in the final few overs, thumping two fours and two sixes as he put on a 43-run partnership in 22 balls with Sumit (12 not out).

Parantap was looking dangerous but fell to Vidyadhar Patil when he holed out to Mohsin Khan in the penultimate over of the innings. Prateek Jain took the onus of bowling the last over and only conceded six runs including the run-out of K. Gowtham (3) as the Warriors finished at 136/7 in the allotted 16 overs.

In the other match, Gulbarga Mystics defeated Hubli Tigers by four wickets.

TODAY'S MATCHES (AUG. 19)

- **Gulbarga Mystics** Vs **Namma Shivamogga** — 3.15 pm
- **Mangaluru Dragons** Vs **Hubli Tigers** — 7.15 pm

Venue: SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, Manasagangothri

Catch the live action on Star Sports 1 (English) and Star Sports 1 Kannada and FanCode

BRIEF SCORES

Mysore Warriors 136/7 in 16 overs (C.A. Karthik 20, Yashovardhan Parantap 39; Vidhyadhar Patil 2/32, Mohsin Khan 2/10) beat **Bengaluru Blasters** 97/9 in 16 overs (Madhav Prakash Bajaj 34; K. Gowtham 2/11, Shikhar Shetty 3/5).

Hubli Tigers 158/8 in 20 overs (Krishnan Shrijith 52, Rakshit Shivkumar 36, Shashikumar Kamble 2/19, Lavish Kaushal 2/15) lost to **Gulbarga Mystics** 159/6 in 19.4 overs (R. Smaran 52, Prajwal Pavan 37, B.A. Mohit 26 not out, K.C. Cariappa 2/28, Yashraj Punja 2/33).

Medal winners in grappling

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ***Yashraj, Saptha, Jiu Jitsu Coach Harish, Pooja, Roshan Mansoor, R. Rohan, Arnav Bhel, Shashank and Samarth.***

Mysuru, Aug. 19- City-based athletes won medals in the recently held National-level Submission Grappling Tournament organised by Prajwal Karate Dojo (PKD) in association with I Can International School at Maharaja Indoor Stadium here recently.

R. Rohan and Roshan Mansoor won gold medals, while Arnav Bhel and Samarth secured silver medal, and Shashank won a bronze medal.

All athletes train at Genesis Mixed Martial Arts.

City kickboxers excel in State Championships

Mysuru, Aug. 19 - The following kickboxers of IIIMA Fight Club won medals at the Karnataka State Children, Cadet, Junior, Senior & Masters Kickboxing Championships organised by University of Mysore (UoM), sanctioned by Karnataka Kickboxing Association (KKA), at Yuvaraja's College Indoor Stadium in city recently:

Ryan - Gold medal in Point Fighting and Silver medal in Kick Light; Neel - Gold in Kick Light; Hrihaan - Gold in Light Contact and Bronze in Kick Light; Hershiv - Gold in Point Fighting and Silver in Kick Light; Advik - Bronze in Light Contact; Daksha - Gold in Point Fighting and Silver in Kick Light.

KKA President M. Krishna, KKA General Secretary & Technical Chairman C. Ravi, Organiser S. Jaswanth, MDKKA General Secretary M.D. Chandan, IIIMA Fight Club Founder Grandmaster Sifu M.S. Shyam and Event Sponsor Santhosh were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ostentatious

Pronunciation: ah-stun-TAY-shus (adjective)
Meaning: Ostentatious describes someone or something that displays wealth, knowledge, power, etc., in a way that is meant to attract attention, admiration, or envy. Things that are ostentatious tend to stand out as overly elaborate or conspicuous.
Origin: Both ostentatious and the related noun ostentation can be traced to the Latin verb ostentāre, meaning "to display" and idea of display persists in English word's current use: people and things described as ostentatious seem to be practically begging to be looked at. Ostentatious is often applied to objects and buildings that can also be described as luxurious — flashy jewellery, mansions, edifices with marble columns. Someone with an ostentatious lifestyle spends money in a way that makes it obvious that they have a lot of it. When used in negative constructions — "the house is large but not ostentatious"— the implication is that display isn't the point.
Example: "Valentino presented a dizzying display at Paris haute couture week, fusing the past and present in theatrical, ostentatious designs." — Lara Owen, The Independent (United Kingdom), 29 Jan. 2025.

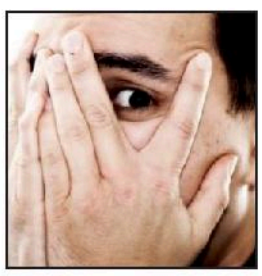
THE ODD WORD

Quotidian

Something that happens daily.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

On Pins and Needles



Meaning: When you use the expression 'On Pins and Needles' you mean that someone is in a state of anxious suspense.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'On Pins and Needles' comes from the early 19th century. The expression began as a literal description of the sharp, uncomfortable feeling one gets when recovering from numbness.
Example: "Todd has been on pins and needles all day, waiting for his wife to have the baby."

QUOTE BOX

Honour is not the exclusive property of any political party.

—Herbert Hoover

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Riding on the crest of a wave.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Capital of Ukraine
5 Oh well!
9 Initials for Princess Di
12 No score in tennis
13 German classical composer
14 Roving ___ : tendency to ogle?
15 Examine, observe or inspect
16 Intrinsic to
18 Herman Melville's hero Billy ___
20 __ __ large : generally speaking? (2,3)
21 More chaste or clean
23 Rip
25 Literary snippets
26 Three feet
28 Follow orders
32 Satellite Data Unit
33 Nintendo gaming console
34 Actress Thurman
35 Ballad or ditty
37 Bollywood's ___ Agnihotri
39 Brownish gray
40 Welsh resort
42 Pocket bottle
44 Lofty nest
47 Invitation letters
48 Theatrical or histrionic
51 Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
54 Ind. Admin. Ser.
55 ___ about : wander aimlessly about?
56 Small land mass
57 T.S. Eliot's initials
58 Short term employee, in short
59 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?

DOWN
1 Kilolitres, abbr.
2 Ind. Oil Corp.
3 Adolph Hitler's paramour (3,5)
4 Meeting place
5 Ex-India all-rounder __ Ali
6 Local Area Network, abbr.
7 Part of a play
8 Biblical queen
9 Zeus' wife
10 Spielberg's Saving Private ___
11 Kept as a prisoner
17 A Greek sandwich
19 Lacking moisture
21 ___ for : be accepted as
22 Loosen
23 Ordeal
24 Prepare for printing
27 Wrong or crooked?
29 Capital of Hungary
30 Australian birds
31 Pull or tug sharply
36 Very serious
38 Uncertainties
41 Core
43 Roman 58
44 Means of access
45 Eons or epochs
46 Burn to ground
47 Royal Can. Mount. Police
49 A foot division
50 I think therefore _ _ _? (1,2)
52 Estimated life expectancy
53 Ever, contracted by a poet

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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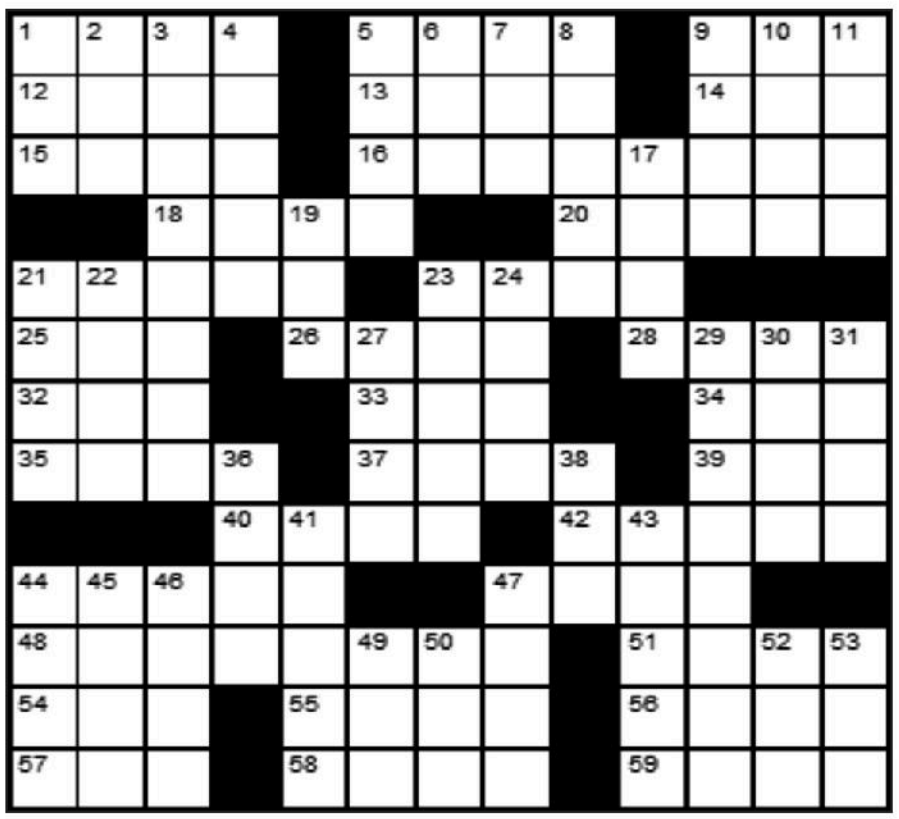

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			4	8				
	3		5			2		
				2				9

Answer to previous puzzle

6	5	4	7	9	2	1	8	3
1	2	3	8	4	6	9	7	5
8	9	7	5	3	1	6	4	2
4	1	6	3	5	9	7	2	8
5	3	2	6	7	8	4	1	9
7	8	9	1	2	4	5	3	6
2	7	5	4	6	3	8	9	1
9	6	1	2	8	7	3	5	4
3	4	8	9	1	5	2	6	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

P QVOCYF CI XMVODY CMY QIBNF. RKC P

MVAY LIKOF CMVC CMY IONH CMPOD IOY

XVO RY JKBY IL XMVODPOD PJ IOYJYNL.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

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Coolie (Ta)	(S-1)	7 am, 3 pm, 10.15 pm
	(S-2)	7 am; (S-3) 7.05 am, 8.15 pm
	(S-4)	7 am, 11.55 am, 3.25 pm
		6.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Coolie (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
War 2 (H)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 6.40 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
	(S-3)	4.35 pm
Su From So (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	(S-3)	1.50 pm

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War 2 (H)	(S-1)	12.40 pm; (S-2) 1.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 am
	(S-4)	6.35 pm; 9.55 pm
Coolie (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
	(S-3)	4 pm; (S-4) 12.45 pm
Coolie (Ta)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
	(S-2)	6.45 am, 10 am, 4.35 pm, 7.50 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 pm
	(S-4)	7 am
Su From So (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Mahavatar Narasimha (K-3D)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4 pm

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Su From So (K)	:	9.50 am, 12.25 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.25 pm
Coolie (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 12.05 pm, 3 pm, 3.15 pm
		3.30 pm, 6.25 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
		9.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Coolie (K)	:	11.35 am
Coolie (H)	:	10.30 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	:	1.20 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (H-3D)	:	7.35 pm

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War 2 (H)	:	8.30 am, 12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Coolie (Ta)	:	8.40 am, 9.40 am, 12.05 pm, 3.30 pm
		3.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Coolie (K)	:	10.10 pm
Su From So (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.05 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.20 pm
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		9.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Coolie (K)	:	11.25 am
War 2 (H)	:	8.20 am, 11.50 am, 3.20 pm
		6.50 pm 10:20 pm
Su From So (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	:	4.25 pm

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		3.40 pm, 6.05 pm, 7.05 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Coolie (K)	:	2.40 pm
War 2 (H)	:	8.10 am, 11.40 am, 3.10 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Su From So (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	:	4.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

New team of Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Aisiri

Mysuru, Aug. 19- The Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Aisiri held its installation ceremony in city recently.

Dr. Sarika Prasad, Past District Chairman and renowned Paediatrician, was the chief guest. Uma Mahesh, District Secretary and Anitha Suresh, District Treasurer, were present.

K.A. Anitha Venkatesh, Chairperson & Managing Director of AIMIT & ATPPL, was formally installed as the President for the year 2025-26, along with her dedicated team:

Immediate Past President: Geetha Montadka; Secretary: Sowndhari Harsha; Treasurer: Usha Ganesh; ISO (International Service Organiser): Radha Vinay; Joint Secretary: Shobha Rani; Editor: Divya Rajguru.

To mark the occasion, the Club conducted the following six community service projects on the occasion:

1. Donated educational fee for a needy girl student — sponsored by MLA M.R. Patil of Kundagol, Dharwad; **2.** Contributed amount towards wheels for a lady vegetable vendor — sponsored by Club Member Rajeshwari; **3.** Gifted a laptop to a budding artist — also sponsored by Rajeshwari; **4.** Distributed helmets to students to raise awareness on road safety — sponsored by Rajeshwari; **5.** Donated uniforms to differently-abled children — through sponsors identified by Radha Vinay; **6.** Distributed books to differently-abled and underprivileged students — through sponsors identified by Radha Vinay.

The total amount spent on these initiatives was Rs. 1,16,400, showcasing the Club's spirit of purposeful service and meaningful collaboration.

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 19)

- **Panachee:** Fashion and Lifesyle Exhibition/Sale, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 20)

- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, Special puja, **Morning;** Mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** 21st edition of Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, Main Road, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Panachee:** Lifestyle Expo, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **10 am to 8 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts & Guides Ground, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Backward Classes Welfare Department:** Former CM D. Devaraj Urs' 110th birth anniversary celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Kalamandira, **10.30 am.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Sharana Darshana-126 online programme, researcher and agriculturist D. Ravikumar delivers lecture on 'Vachanagalalli Lokanubhava,' Parishat Mysuru City Unit Vice-President M. Chinnaswamy presides, Dr. Suguna Kuladeepa from Mysuru renders invocation, *[Google Meet link:* ***https://meet.google.com/usy-rdzj-dbc****; Code:* ***usy-rdzj-dbc****]*, **6 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysore:** Centenary celebrations led by Deepak Mysore, staging of comedy play 'Yeraderadla Aidu,' written by Asif Kshatriya, directed by Shwetha Srinivas & Asif Kshatriya; Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, senior theatre person Indira Nair and Rtn. Dr. H.S. Jagadish will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

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